

TRANSLATION OF CLAIMS—ARTICLE 19 AMENDMENTS

CLAIMS

1. (amended) A case for holding a cartridge, provided with:

5 a lower half and an upper half for holding a disc-shaped
information medium;

an opening window provided in the lower half, for exposing part
of the disc-shaped information medium in its radial direction;

shutters for opening and closing the opening window;

10 a front face that engages with the shutters and links the upper
half and the lower half;

a rear face that is on the opposite side from the front face with
the disc-shaped information medium therebetween, and that links the
upper half and the lower half;

15 a pair of side faces that link the front face, the rear face, the
upper half, and the lower half; and

a plurality of groove portions that are recessed from one of the
pair of side faces toward the other side face and are formed in the
direction of the front face and the rear face,

said case comprising:

20 a bottom panel provided so as to be facing the lower half of the
cartridge;

a plurality of latching members provided to the bottom panel, for
latching the cartridge by engaging with any of the plurality of groove
portions, the plurality of latching members including two latching
25 members that are disposed at opposite diagonal corners of the cartridge;
and

a release member disposed at a location near one of the two
latching members disposed at opposite diagonal corners of the cartridge,
for releasing the latching of the cartridge with the plurality of latching
30 members and the plurality of groove portions.

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3. The case according to claim 1, wherein the release member is
5 provided at the bottom panel so as to lift up the lower half of the
cartridge in order to release the latching of the cartridge with said one
latching member.

4. The case according to claim 1 or 3, wherein the release member is
10 provided via said one latching member and a corner of the cartridge in a
state in which the cartridge has been installed.

5. The case according to claim 4, wherein the release member is
provided at the rear face of the cartridge in a state in which the
15 cartridge has been installed.

6. The case according to claim 1, wherein the release member
includes:

an engagement release component provided so as to be disposed
20 between the bottom panel and the lower half of the cartridge when the
cartridge has been installed in the case;

a pressure release component provided so as to receive pressing
force from the cartridge side toward the bottom panel side in order to
release the latching of the cartridge with said one of the plurality of
25 latching members; and

a linking release component that links the engagement release
component and the pressure release component.

7. The case according to claim 1, wherein the bottom panel is square
30 in shape, and

said case further comprising:

four side panels rising from the four sides of the bottom panel;

and

a lid coupled to one of the four side panels and provided rotatably
5 around said one side panel so as to cover the installed cartridge.

8. The case according to claim 7, wherein the release member is disposed at one of the corners formed by said one side panel.

10 9. The case according to claim 8, wherein a positioning portion for positioning one cartridge corner that is adjacent to the above-mentioned cartridge corner with which the release member engages is provided at another corner adjacent to the corner of the side panel where the release member is disposed.

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10. The case according to claim 1, wherein the sides of the upper half and the lower half with which the front face of the cartridge engages are chamfered in a rounded shape, and forward positioning portions for positioning the front face having the rounded chamfering are formed on
20 one of the side panels adjacent to the side panel to which the lid is provided.

11. The case according to claim 1, wherein at least one pedestal having a height substantially equal to the gap between the lower half and the bottom panel in a state in which the cartridge has been installed
25 is provided within a surface area corresponding to a projection of the cartridge onto the bottom panel.